

**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
August 26, 2013
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on August 26, 2013 for a Public Hearing immediately followed by a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the new JISD Administration Building located at 800 College Avenue in Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: Todd Travis, Jeff Horton, Jimmy Brown, Blaine Verhelle, Dean Dublin, and Randy McCown; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell
Absent: James Houser

1. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Call to Order – Public Hearing

Board President, Todd Travis, announced that a quorum was present, that the hearing was duly called, and that notice of the hearing had been posted for the time and in the manner as required by law.

B. Discussion of Items Pertaining to Proposed 2013-14 JISD Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Lindy Finley presented the proposed 2013-2014 budget and explained budget allocations. The total budget of \$42,474,634 includes a balanced General Fund budget of \$35,515,127, a balanced Food Service budget of \$2,681,950 and a Debt Service budget comprised of \$4,277,557 in total revenues and \$4,277,557 in total expenditures.

Ms. Finley also reported that the District is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and an interest and sinking tax rate of \$.28 for a total tax rate of 1.3200, which is effectively a .67 percent increase in the tax rate.

C. Questions/Comments from Public Regarding Proposed 2012-13 Budget and Tax Rate

There were no comments or questions from the audience or board members following the presentation.

D. Adjournment of Public Hearing

There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned.

2. REGULAR MEETING

A. Call to Order – Regular Meeting

Board President, Todd Travis, announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting was duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and in the manner as required by law.

B. Pledges of Allegiance to United State and Texas Flags

Todd Travis led both pledges of allegiance to the flags.

C. Reports / Discussions

1. Report on Preliminary 2012-2013 State Accountability Ratings

Judy Terry presented a chart reflecting the JISD campuses accountability ratings for 2012-2013.

Campus	Ratings	Distinctions	Safeguards*
District	Met Standard	N/A	97%
JHS	Met Standard	1: Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA	87%
JMS	Met Standard	2: Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA Top 25% Student Progress	86%
Nichols	Met Standard	1: Academic Achievement in Mathematics	100%
East Side	Met Standard	1: Academic Achievement in Mathematics	100%
West Side	Met Standard	2: Academic Achievement in Mathematics Top 25% Student Progress	100%
Joe Wright	Met Standard	0	100%
Fred Douglass	Met Standard	0	100%

*Safeguards consists of 4 criteria:

- Performance / Participation / Graduation Rate / Federal Special Education Assessments
- Must meet 100% of criteria or address in Campus/District Plan

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2013-15 Budget

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the 2013-14 Budget as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Brown, Dublin, and McCown

Nays: None

2. Consider and Approve Ordinance Adopting a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$1.04 and an Interest and Sinking tax Rate of \$.28 for a Total Rate of \$1.32, Which is Effectively a .67 Percent Increase in the Tax Rate

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dean Dublin that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.3200, which is effectively a .67 percent increase in the tax rate.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Brown, Verhelle, and McCown

Nays: None

3. Consider and Adopt Amendment to 2013-2014 JISD Student Code of Conduct (Adopted 7-29-13) Regarding Possession of Telecommunications or Other Electronic Devices

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and seconded by Jeff Horton to adopt the following amendment to the 2013-2014 JISD Student Code of Conduct as presented:

Possession of Telecommunications or Other Electronic Devices

Students shall not:

- *Display, turn on, or use a telecommunications device, including a cellular telephone, or other electronic device on school property during the school day unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes or as deemed appropriate by school administration.[phrase added]*

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Brown, Verhelle, and McCown

Nays: None

4. Consider All Matters Incident and Related to Calling and Holding a Bond Election, Including the Adoption of An Order Pertaining Thereto

The following letter from absentee board member, James Houser, was read aloud at Mr. Houser's request:

August 23, 2013

Mr. Todd Travis, President
JACKSONVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
800 College Ave.
Jacksonville, Texas 75766

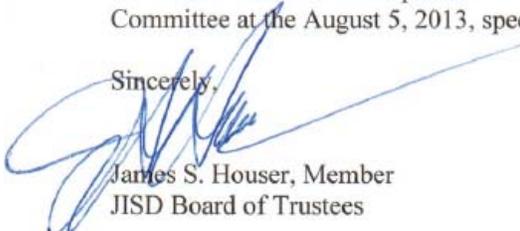
RE: NOVEMBER 2013 BOND ELECTION

Dear President Travis,

I regret that I will not be able to attend the August 26, 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville ISD, but wanted to express my full support for a vote of the board "to adopt an Order of Election calling for a school bond election for November 5, 2013, in the amount of \$22.785 million for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District".

This bond election is in response to recommendations made to the Board by the JISD Facilities Committee at the August 5, 2013, special board meeting.

Sincerely,



James S. Houser, Member
JISD Board of Trustees

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt an Order of Election calling for a school bond election for November 5, 2013, in the amount of \$22.785 million for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings in the District.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Brown, Horton, and McCown

Nays: None

5. Consider and Approve New Human Resources Director, Brad Stewart, to Sign/Validate Employee Service Records

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dean Dublin to approve Brad Stewart to sign/validate employee service records.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Brown, Verhelle, and McCown

Nays: None

6. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dean Dublin and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from July 29, 2013 Budget Workshop/Regular Meeting and August 5, 2013 Summer Board Retreat; 2) Investment Report; 3) Finance Reports; 4) Current Amended Budget Report; 5) Budget Amendment #13-07; 6) donations from Jacksonville Education Foundation totaling \$9,250; and 6) donations from Austin Bank (Jeff and Sissy Austin) for \$25,000, Whataburger (Jackie Hablinski) for \$25,000, and

Dairy Queen (Gene Brumbelow) for \$12,500 for the purchase of a new scoreboard for the Tomato Bowl.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Brown, Horton, and McCown

Nays: None

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board of Trustees.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- First Day of School 2013-14: a smooth beginning.
- Enrollment: **4867** students – **97** students **more** than end of last school year
- Brief Recap of August Activities to Kick Off School Year:
 - August 13th: Meet the New Teachers, 8:00am at Nichols Cafetorium
 - August 15th: JEF Fundraiser - *Evening with the Stars* at Castle on the Lake honoring Sissy Austin and John Alexander
 - August 16th:
 - 6:30am: JEF Fundraiser - Breakfast of Champions at Sadler's Kitchen honoring John Alexander
 - 8:30am: JISD Convocation at New JISD Gymnasium
 - 12:00 noon: Lunch honoring Sissy Austin (catered by Sadler's) at home of Jana & Barry Autry
 - August 19-23: Staff Development at all campuses
 - August 19: POWWOW at Tomato Bowl Stadium introducing Fightin' Indians
 - August 21: attended Sport Kick-Off Luncheon (sponsored by Tyler Chamber of Commerce) at Harvey Convention Center with AD Chris Taber and Senior athlete Justin Stewart
 - August 22: "No Excuses University" Speaker at JHS Auditorium for all campuses
- Special Thanks to the Jacksonville Education Foundation for sponsoring the JISD Convocation and raising funds for scholarships and teacher grants and all that they do to support JISD.
- Active Shooter Drill – JMS Campus – August 21st: hosted and participated in an emergency drill with the County and City
- Administrative Changes for 2013-14:
 - Human Resources Director
 - Nancy Lee leaving district – Brad Stewart (JW Principal) to replace
 - Joe Wright Elementary
 - Brad Stewart - moving to Administration
 - Cindy Slovacek – moving from Joe Wright Asst. Principal to Joe Wright Principal
 - East Side Elementary
 - Holly Searcy – moving to Nichols Intermediate Principal
 - Jodi Alderete – moving from ES Asst. Principal to ES Principal
 - Hired Becky Goodwin as ES Asst. Principal
 - Nichols Intermediate
 - Holly Searcy – new Principal replacing Laurie Greathouse (left district)
 - Lisa Dailey – moving from JMS Asst. Principal to Nichols Asst. Principal
 - JMS
 - Michael Ricketts – moving from JMS teacher to JMS Asst. Principal replacing Lisa Dailey
 - Compass Center
 - David Adams – from Compass Center Dean of Students to Compass Center Principal
 - Stephanie Hinton – from Nichols teacher to Compass Center Dean of Students
- New Mauldin Field Scoreboard Donated: We would like to show our appreciation for the following local business who are sponsoring a new scoreboard for Mauldin Field:
 - Texas National Bank - \$14,220
- New Tomato Bowl Scoreboard Donated: We would like to show our appreciation for the following local businesses who are sponsoring a new scoreboard for the Tomato Bowl:
 - Austin Bank - \$25,000 from Jeff and Sissy Austin

- Whataburger - \$25,000 from Jackie Hablinski
- Dairy Queen - \$12,500 from Gene Brumbelow

G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

No items for future agendas were requested by any board members.

H. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:24 p.m. until 7:58 p.m. to discuss:

- A. Legal Matters, Student Discipline and Other Items for Closed Session
- B. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel

I. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS CONSIDERED DURING CLOSED SESSION

No action was taken by the Board upon any items discussed during closed session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd Travis
Board President

Jimmy Brown
Board Secretary